

Appl. No. 10/758,251
Amdt. Dated November 16, 2004
Reply to Office Action of August 16, 2004

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REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated August 16, 2004. Claims 8-10, 18-20 and 28-30 remain in this application. Claims 8, 18 and 28 are the independent Claims. Claims 7, 17 and 27 have been cancelled without prejudice. It is believed that no new matter is involved in the amendments or arguments presented herein. Reconsideration and entrance of the amendment in the application are respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

On page 2 of the Office Action, Claims 8-10, 18-20 and 28-30 were indicated to include allowable subject matter.

Applicant thanks the Examiner and formally recognizes the allowable subject matter of Claims 8-10, 18-20 and 28-30.

Claim Objections

Claims 8-10, 18-20 and 28-30 were objected-to for being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if re-written in independent form, including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In response, Applicant has rewritten the base claims 8, 18 and 28 in independent form to bring the above claims in condition for allowance.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the above objection are respectfully requested.

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Art-Based Rejections

Claims 7, 17 and 27 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) over U.S. Patent No. 5,801,987 (Dinh). In response, Applicant has cancelled those claims, thus obviating the above rejections.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the above rejections are respectfully requested

Accordingly, the remaining claims of the present invention are believed to be in condition for allowance and such allowance is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application, as amended, are requested.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at the Los Angeles, California telephone number (213) 337-6809 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance.

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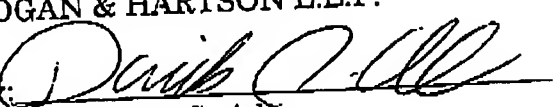
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Respectfully submitted,
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